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RICHARDSON RESIGNS

USDA CLUB PRESIDENCY

SUCCEEDED BY R. A. VERNON

TO ALL MEMBERS OF DALLAS USDA CLUB

Due to reasons beyond my control, and upon advice from my physician I have tendered my resignation as President of the Dallas USDA Club.

Mr. Russell A. Vernon, Assistant Chief, Field Operations Division, CSS, has been appointed to succeed me for the balance of the year. Mr. Vernon is well known to most of you and has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a number of years. He has always been ready and willing to assist in anything worthwhile.

As my parting message to each of you I want to impress on you that the USDA Club is not a one man organization. It never has been in the past. It never will be in the future. The man chosen to lead the USDA Club from year to year is only a symbol of the spirit that inspires the members to dedicate themselves to

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GOVERNMENT HEALTH AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

MAY OFFER 15 TO 20 PER CENT SAVINGS FOR EMPLOYEES

By Rector B. Meyer

Civil Service Commission officials, working out for the next Congress the details of the Administration's pending health and hospital insurance program for Federal workers, estimate the program will let them buy the insurance at 15 to 20 per cent savings.

The savings will result, these officials say, because the Government will absorb most of the administering costs, thereby making it possible for private companies to underwrite the insurance at reduced rates

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J. A. BYBEE ATTENDS FEDERAL-STATE MEETING

By Ruth M. Brown

As a result of the growing interest in Texas in eggs and poultry, on October 1, J. A. Bybee, State Supervisor, attended a meeting in Temple for the purpose of explaining the Federal-State Egg grading program. Kermit Schlamb and F. Z. Beanblossom of Texas A & M College, were also present and explained how poultrymen can take care of eggs in order to receive highest grades possible under the program.

During the months of September and October, Mr. Bybee in cooperation with

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FELTON OVERBEY GOES TO HOUSTON

Felton Overbey has transferred to Houston where he will work in the office of Fulton D. Ware. Overbey receives a nice promotion in the transfer.

Overbey has been with the Dallas CSS Commodity Office for several years and leaves a good reputation and many friends behind. Going away gifts were presented him in the office of R. B. Baird, Chief, Claims and Collections Section where Overbey was employed. He had been an employee of CSS several years. Coffee and cookies were served.

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FUTURE CITIZENS

The Nation's top 4-H
Club members, 1,200 strong,
will be honored delegates
to the 33rd National 4-H
Congress in Chicago, Novem-
ber 28-December 2. These
delegates--mostly farm boys
and girls--will come from
the 48 states, Alaska,
Hawaii and Puerto Rico.
They will represent more
than 2,000,000 members.

Most of the all expense
trips are provided through
the National Committee on
Boys and Girls Club Work,
a group which has been
helping 4-H work 33 years.

Grants from private
sources are used for merit
awards such as trips, med-
als, scholarships, savings
bonds and leader training.

Some of the corporations
and foundations providing
grants are Chicago Board
of Trade, Ford Motor Com-
pany, General Motors, In-
ternational Harvester,
Montgomery Ward, Sears-
Roebuck Foundation, United
States Rubber, Wm. Wrigley,
Jr. Company, Gene Autry
and many others. Several
railroads and nine oil
companies collaborate in
the program.

"A modern farmer, to be
successful, must be an
economist, engineer, me-
chanic, chemist, biologist,
as well as a practical per-
son with a love of the soil
and growing plants and ani-
mals," points out G. L.
Noble, director of the
National Committee.

In 4-H club work the
members learn to do by do-
ing. They learn to apply

the agricultural knowledge
afforded by books, they
learn to have a competi-
tive spirit, and that the
winner must be superior.
To accomplish this they
learn initiative and try new
ideas. They learn sports-
manship and to recognize
the ability of others.

In fact each 4-H club
is a tiny democracy and
club members trained in
the operation of the club
are potentially many of
our best citizens of the
future.

ARE ALL INCLUDED?

The Pilgrim Fathers re-
turned thanks more than
300 years ago for the pro-
vision of their necessi-
ties. They had no luxu-
ries and were heavily be-
set with sorrow, difficul-
ties and trials.

Many times our idea of
giving thanks is only for
abundance or luxuries and
things gladsome. You may
say, "Are we expected to
thank God for illness or
bereavement, poverty or
trial, heartache or disap-
pointment, depression or
failure?" Perhaps these
things happened to us in
order that we might be-
come developed and enrich
our lives through varied
experiences and that God
might have an opportunity
to demonstrate his mercy,
power and love on our be-
half.

Why shouldn't we be
thankful if adversity has
broadened our lives? Also,
for prosperity when easy
times prevail? Let us be
thankful of God's unerring
way and for the privilege
of growing each day.

TUNG OIL INDUSTRY HAS GROWN RAPIDLY

Tung oil is something fairly new to United States agriculture as it has only been produced for commercial use in this country since the days of World War II.

The main use for tung oil is as a drying agent in paints and varnishes. It is also used in the manufacture of brake linings, plastic compounds, and linoleum. The drying qualities of tung oil are 100 per cent faster than that of linseed oil.

At the present time, only six states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) are climatically suited for tung production. These states produce sufficient quantities to take care of the crucial needs of the nation, although some oil is still imported from Argentina.

It is interesting to note that before the war years this country depended entirely on imports from China for its supply. With the demand created by war, however, it became necessary to begin efforts to produce our own stocks. Tung nut orchards then came into being on a large scale in the United States.

It was not until the late forties that CCC took over any tung oil, and since that time there have been only three or four years when the Corporation assumed ownership of any appreciable stocks. Prior to 1952 most of the tung production was disposed of through commercial channels. In 1953, however, approximately six

GOVERNMENT HEALTH AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE PROGRAM (Continued from Page 1)

Two major cost items the employee will not pay for are those of selling the insurance and collecting the premiums. Collections will be made as pay roll deductions and there will be no sales cost whatever.

Health and hospital insurance may be offered separately to employees. The decision to buy or not to buy will be left to the individual.

Originally the Civil Service Commission planned to give agency officials wide discretion on who would be eligible for coverage and on the particular insurance plans available. But present thinking tends to a formula limiting agencies to a choice among three or four plans which the Civil Service Commission would specify.

million pounds of the 1952 crop came into Government acquisition.

Regardless of its infancy, it is of importance in the commodity world today and the Cincinnati CSS Commodity Office is now preparing to handle the 1953-crop tung oil taken over under Loan and Purchase Agreement provisions of the program

County and State ASC Committees and the Dallas Commodity Office have the responsibility for the mechanics of the program. Effective loan dates are January 1 through October 31 of each year.

Upon the loan maturity date (October 31), the Dallas Office will liquidate outstanding loans and transfer all inventory of acquired stocks to the Cincinnati Office. It will be the latter's job to move the oil in Government-leased tank cars to available storage space, maintain inventory and storage operations, and plan final

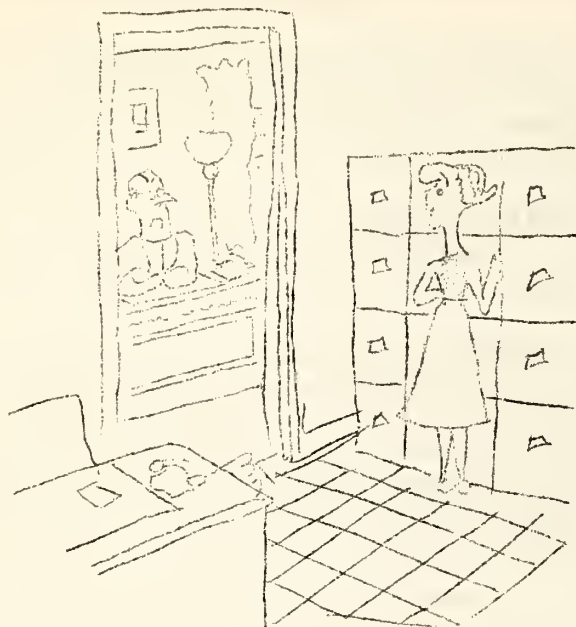
disposition through commercial sale for the oil required.

BYBEE ATTENDED BUTTER AND CHEESE GRADING SCHOOL

By Ruth M. Brown

On October 8, a butter and cheese grading school was held at Bonner Springs, Missouri by R. H. Wilson, Regional Dairy Supervisor, and B. J. Ommott, Chief of Dairy Branch, Washington, D. C. Eighteen butter graders from the Area supervised by Mr. Wilson, including J. A. Bybee from Texas, attended this one day school.

On October 20, J. A. Bybee served as judge of the broilers on exhibit at the State Fair of Texas. This has been one of his pleasant duties for the past few years. Approximately 1200 birds were showed by FFA and 4-H Club boys and girls.



"If I can't find that particular letter, Mr. Dobson, what's your second choice?"

BYBEE ATTENDS MEETING, ETC. (Continued from Page 1)

F. Z. Beanblossom of Texas A & M College, has held a number of field days over the State of Texas where producers would meet for the purpose of judging and placing a grade on live poultry.

The poultry was then dressed and Mr. Bybee would place an official grade, explaining why such grade was given. Dr. Quizzenberry then placed the responsibility of the fact or lowering the grade of the bird, to the breeder, hatcheryman, feed company or producer and discussed ways of correction.

LESS COURAGE?

Man has less courage women. Imagine a man with fifteen cents in his pocket trying on seven suits of clothing in four different shops.

RICHARDSON'S RESIGNATION (Continued from Page 1)

unselfish service

Remember that the gavel of authority that is handed to each man who is elected president is not a magic wand. It is not an instrument that he can use, with a wave of the hand to make all of our dreams come true.

In other words, the President of the USDA Club -without the loyal, enthusiastic assistance of real workers in each agency is a forlorn helpless figure. He can fulfill his responsibilities only when he enjoys the combined cooperation of every member.

This may sound like I have tried to "pass the buck" trying to establish an alibi when things go wrong. But I am simply trying to be honest and realistic. I have no il-

lusion that a president can perform miracles - no matter how hard he may work, how much wisdom he may apply to his task, or how many hours he may devote to his job, he alone cannot win the battle.

We have been complimented by the Office of Personnel in Washington, D. C. on our past work in the Department and the things we have done to help our community.

My farewell request to each of you as members is to understand that you owe to yourself and your community full cooperation at all times to your president. So with our moral support and active assistance we can make the USDA Club the Number 1 Club in the Department.

Thanks to all and my best wishes to my successor.

Sincerely yours,
R. N. RICHARDSON

CSS EXCEEDS QUOTA FOR COMMUNITY CHEST

Again we have gone over the top through the splendid cooperation and unselfish desire to assist and give a helping hand to the more unfortunate people who look to our Agencies for the Community Chest for help.

Personnel of CSS office exceeded their quota of \$800 by \$230.97, according to Marshall W. Bond, who with Truman J. Cunningham, sponsored the drive for this agency. A total of \$1,030.97 was reported to T. S. Smith, Squad Captain.

NOV. PLENTIFUL FOOD LIST
OFFERS THANKSGIVING ITEMS



When you think of stretching or transposing your dollars, you generally think of your grocery budget first. Many times you can make your dreams come true by selecting your items from the monthly plentiful food list provided by USDA, AMS, Food Distribution Division, Southwest Area, as they are usually a little more moderately priced.

TURKEYS



This year's crop of turkeys is estimated at 61,045,000 birds, an increase over last year of about 9 per cent.

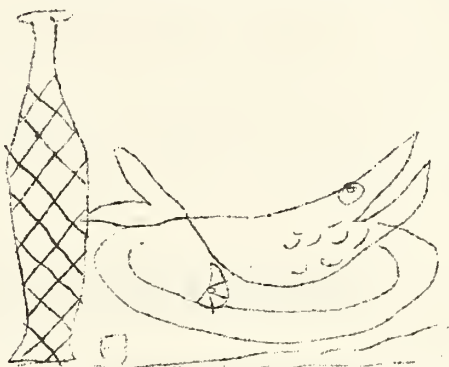
Greater numbers of families will find turkeys well within their reach this year. The great increase in small birds should provide appeal to couples and small families who would not ordinarily prepare Thanksgiving dinners using large turkeys.

E G G S



Eggs of all sizes are in plentiful supply and will be reasonably priced. With plentiful supplies of ham, bacon and pork sausage and cool weather on hand, heartier breakfasts are in order for that needed energy. Egg salad sandwiches and boiled eggs for school lunches are suggested.

F R O Z E N F I S H



Cold storage holdings of fish were at record levels as of September 1. Stocks of halibut were at a record 30 million pounds. There were also large stocks of ocean perch, haddock and cod. Fish is a welcome item on "businessmen's lunches," and a tasty variation for home cooking.

Shrimp in storage is at record high for this time of year, and lower consumer prices are probable as a result. Shrimp is a great treat for late evening snacks, and rates high for salads and cocktails.

B E E F



Yes, beef continues in plentiful supply, and at attractive prices for the consumer. Lower-cost cuts are abundant, and a good value at this time, but higher grade cuts are plentiful too.

From October 28 to November 7 give special attention to roasts and pot roasts. From November 11 to 21 put extra emphasis on chopped beef

R I C E

Forecasts indicate the rice crop to be the largest on record. It is versatile and goes well with poultry, beef, pork and seafoods.

NOVEMBER PLENTIFUL LIST

F E A T U R E S

TURKEYS

EGGS

RICE

BEEF

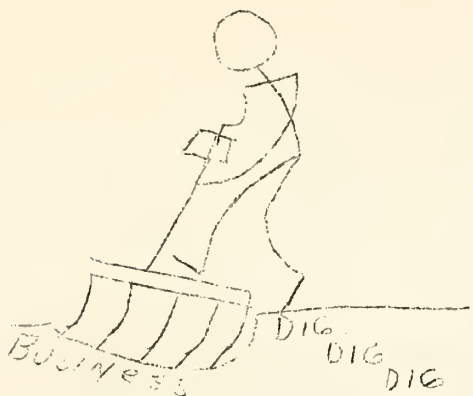
BROILERS & FRYERS - PORK

FRESH & FROZEN SHRIMP -
FROZEN FISH - CANNED TUN

VEGETABLE SHORTENING -
SALAD OILS

WALNUTS - ALMONDS - FIL
BERTS

DRIED PRUNES - DATES
DAIRY PRODUCTS
DRY BEANS



Successful business people are always "digging" for business. That's the reason they are successful. They compete with each other in introducing new ideas and ways of improving their tactics.

The business of Government employees is to think of new ideas and ways of improving their work. No matter how simple your work may seem there will be little things arise which will make it easier or whereby quicker or better results may be obtained.

There are tricks in all trades but some are content to plod along the same old way. Don't be a plodder. Look around and observe new tricks to streamline your work. It may save you extra labor and time and in so doing be of benefit to your agency.

Blanks for submitting employee suggestions may be obtained from your supervisor.

DEFINITIONS

DISCONTENT: The penalty we must pay for being ungrateful for what we have.
DIPLOMACY: THE ART of letting another have your way.

BOWLING HIGHLIGHTS

By B. J. Cox

Thanks to the concentrated efforts of Felton Overbey, the CSS Commodity Office Bowling League began its season of play on Wednesday October 6, 1954 at the Cedar Crest Lanes on Lancaster Avenue.

Our hats are off to Felton as he obtained six full teams of five players each to complete the league. In view of the negative response received by your paper, we have come to the conclusion that there is no substitution for that old "Personal Contact."

Although we have not asked Felton, we feel sure he would be glad to place your name on the substitute list if you are interested.

Star performer for the ladies was Yvonne Kile, who carried away honors for both high game at 168 and high series at 406. Bob Baird had high game for the men at 190 and Marvin Stark had high series at 462. Looks like we have some good bowlers in the office.

When you feel the urge, patronize the Cedar Crest Lanes at 3023 Lancaster Avenue, as our old friend Garland Wheeler is the proprietor. By the way Garland is in the hospital and may be there for some time, so let's all pitch in and help him out as much as possible through bowling at his Cedar Crest Lanes.

HALLOWE'EN MASQUERADE CARNIVAL FOR CSS EMPLOYEES VERY SUCCESSFUL

By Yvonne S. Kile

We, of the Entertainment Committee, would first like to express our many thanks to all of you who worked hard and participated in any way in making the Hallowe'-en Masquerade Carnival possible, as we are very happy to report the party was a HALLOWE'ENING SUCCESS!

We were very proud of all the good reports and hope you all enjoyed yourselves sometime during the evening. To those of you who missed it (and we missed you), here are some of the high-lights of the Carnival.....

The spooks were all wonderful. You should have seen the "SAD-SACK," R. N. Richardson, first prize costume winner of the men, and OH! the "WITCH," Maybelle Shoemaker, and the "BANDIT FROM SAND HILL," Irene Cox, who tied for first prize of the women.

All the door prizes were won by absentees from the party. Wish they could have been there. They were:
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HALLOWE'EN MASQUERADE CARNIVAL, ETC.

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Helen Adams - Program Operations - Coffeematic
 Ella Wedel - Fiscal Division - Turkey
 Margarette Cunningham - Program Operations - Ham
 Frances Billings - Fiscal Division - Electric Bean Pot

We didn't realize there were so many professional "BAKERS" among us, until they gave us the opportunity to display their talent. Anyone doubting should just ask the lucky recipients of the CAKE WALK, AUCTION and all those who bought the COOKIES and CANDIES. Judging from the swiftness in which they disappeared, everyone apparently enjoyed them. The whole event went over with a BANG!

As for the delicious and/or tasty flavor just ask our judges.

First, Second and Third prize winners were:

CAKES -- Juanita Foster, Jessie McGrun, Georgia Laughlin;
 COOKIES - Evelyn Riegel, Grace Williams, Maybelle McShoemaker
 CANDIES - Ann Sockwell, Lorena Smith, Margaret Ford

We had loads of fun with our games, attractions and/or dances, which consisted of two palmists, Ouijaist, Strong Man, Apple Bob, Kissing Booth (Oh those candy kisses), The Thing, Paper Race, Broom Dance, a Hat Dance and last but not least the Hokey Poke. We had a few winners here also:

Paper Race, Lola Chancellor and G. R. McPherson
 Hat Dance - Louise and Harry Gilliam
 Broom Dance - W. O. Kretsinger and a fair lady
 McPherson and Bill Boren won a pumpkin each.

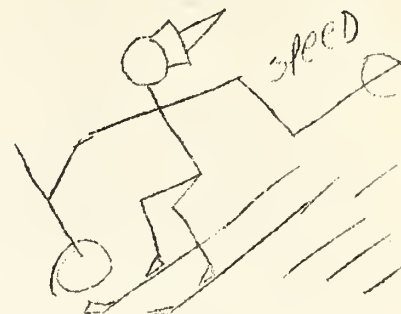
The program was terrific as we told you it would be, with a very beautiful dance by Natalie and Doug Skelton to "Begin the Beguine" and also a Barber shop "Quartet" composed of our own crooners, E. O. Bart, Hank Sundahl, Jerry Davis, Jim Wright, Marvin Stark and R. N. Richardson. (They even made a recording for us, and by the way boys how do you get away with six in a Quartet?)

If anyone doubts the ability of our "Interior Decorators" or their knack in creating a true Hallowe'en Spirit, just ask those who know. (Like the Manager of the VFW Club, who was so pleased, that they used same as was for their Hallowe'en party last Saturday night.)

AND last and most of all we did it!! - Financially the party was a HUGE success, thanks again to all of you, your cooperation was wonderful.

Until next time - Its all yours, Marshall, and good luck on your Christmas party.

TYPING HINTS



1. When letters are cut too deep on a stencil and the body of the o, b, h or other letter falls out, take scissors and cut a small opening around the mutilated letter (sometimes you may have to cut space for an entire word). Cut a small patch for the opening and adhere it to the stencil with correction fluid. Then type the deleted word on the patch. Even a patch can be patched with correction fluid.

2. Where printed forms are already on hand and only figures need to be supplied, place blank printed form over stencil instead of cellophane sheet and type figures in appropriate spaces.--Mildred Yeager, CSS.

HERE'S TO HIM!

Here's to the man
 who plans things,
 Builds things, makes
 things;
 Who prates not of
 wonder of old,
 Nor gloats upon an-
 cestral gold,
 But takes off his
 coat and takes ahold
 And does things!

-Contributed-

AROUND THE OFFICE
WITH PAD AND PENCIL

By Lola A. Chancellor

Among our "World Travelers" for the month of October we list the following, and bring you a few highlights of their tour:

Early in October Bill Williamson, with a few friends, drove to Denver - one of those "jumped up" affairs that always turn out to be far more fun than any planned trip. In Denver they met other friends from New York who were on their way to California. Bill reports a wonderful time, that they simply "took in" the sights and had loads of fun. I wish we all could see the 400 feet of film he took on this extensive tour. On the way back they toured through Colorado Springs, Canyon City, Trinidad, Toas, Santa Fe and many more places of interest. Some day, Bill, can't you give us a "travelogue?" You probably have more such movies.

Also during the first few weeks of October, Norris Miller and her mother drove to Denver. Among the points of interest on their tour was such picturesque places as Santa Fe, Toas, the Royal Gorge! Canyon City, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek, Central City and Echo Lake.

It's no wonder Norris wishes she was back there. She reported that she got lots of rest (if you can call driving rest) but at least it was a relaxation

from the daily routine of the office. She had a hard time keeping her mother out of the antique shops. Once in she had to stay until the money ran out.

Upon her return to the office, Norris found a "Money Tree" growing right in the middle of her desk. Who knows, this tree may be the beginning of another long vacation - "Big Oaks from Little Acorns Grow."

Happy Birthday!! Our Best Wishes for Happy Birthdays and many returns of the day go to Thelma Owens and Evelyn Riegal of the Traffic Section. I know there are others and I wish I knew their names to include on this list. (Please anyone knowing of birthdays report same to Yours truly - Lola A. Chancellor.)

We have a couple of new faces in Program Operations this month and welcome them to the "Gang," namely Jodie Reasonner, Pauline H. Eason.

By the way, anyone driving to McKinney, feeling a little hungry might stop in at the "Sober Jet" drive-in for barbecue and trimmings. Jeanelle and her husband will put out the welcome mat and really treat you right. The writer had one of their barbecue sandwiches and can vouch for them.

The Traffic Section, Rates, Verification and Analysis Unit, welcomes a New Rate Clerk trainee, Norma Collins. We are glad to have you, Norma.

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Warning!

Watch out for cars backing out of parking areas -

Good luck, Juanita, hope you get your fenders straightened o.k. at his expense. -- END.

PERSONAL

May I take this opportunity to thank each of you who baked cakes, cookies, made candy and donated to the Halloween party. My sincere thanks to Rowena Freecfield and Maybelle Shoemaker for their help. Thank you, each and everyone. You helped to make the Cheer Club party a big success. Sorry you couldn't all be there - it was loads of fun. Thanks again for the splendid cooperation given us in putting over the cake walk and booths. We could not have done it without YOU.

-Lola A. Chancellor

A GREAT SUCCESS

The young bride was entertaining a visitor to tea. "I cooked my first dinner last night," she confided, "and it was a great success!"

"Really, I'm so glad," murmured the visitor.

"Yes, my husband is going to get me a cook right away."

Definition

INCOME: An amount of money that no matter how large it is you spend more than.

SUPERVISORY VISITS MADE TO POULTRY AND SHELL EGG PLANTS

By Ruth M. Brown

Supervisory visits to Texas by C. M. Duckett, assistant regional supervisor, Poultry Division, Des Moines, Iowa, and R.A. Dorsett of the Washington Poultry Division Office, were made during October.

These men in company with either M. E. Walker, San Antonio, J. A. Bybee or J. H. Halverson, Dallas, covered the poultry and shell egg plants from Dallas to Beaumont and from Center to Abilene. Mr. Duckett has made several trips to Texas, but this was Mr. Dorsett's first official visit since joining the Washington staff.

PRIZE WINNING RECIPE

The following recipe recently won \$5.00 in a contest and was submitted to the "News" by Yvonne S. Kile.

HAPPY MEAL PIE

Mrs. J. W. Shepard, 1220 Hollywood, shares it with readers.

1 cup friendship and 1 cup thoughtfulness (Cream together with pinch of powdered tenderness).

Beat lightly in bowl of loyalty with 1 cup faith, 1 cup hope, and 1 cup charity. Add: 1 tablespoon gaiety that sings, 1 tablespoon ability to laugh at little things

Moisten with sudden tears of heartfelt sympathy (Bake in good-natured pan).

Serve often.

SPORTS CHATTER

By David M. Wells

After considering that the huge total of \$2.50 has been gleaned from hundreds of football predictions made by USDA experts in those free newspaper contests, maybe we should rest on our laurels and pause to reflect upon the cause of this record.

From this large group of reflections we must excuse Mr. T. L. (Red) Hall, for it is he alone whose efforts have been crowned with a reward called money. This is a deemed fitting, his friends will assure you, as Mr. Hall is considered to be a very keen student of the dollar. The shekels representing his modest winnings will join a much larger group of coins reposing deep in the Hall Coffin of Treasures.

Hasten not to compare Red Hall to Silas Marner. Silas, as you know, was one of fiction's prize misers, who got his kicks just from fondling golden chips. Red Hall is a dollar-stretcher. He can stretch a dollar further than Marilyn Monroe can stretch a nylon bathing suit. This knack for rubberizing dollar bills is not easy to come by, and so you might drop by and discuss this with Red. He is Tabulating Equipment Supervisor in Accounting Section, Fiscal Division, CSS. You may not get the secret, as Red Hall never quits work and never sits down. But if you persist, you will get to know a real fine fellow.

Sports, etc.

But leave us not digress from sports activities. Cooler weather brings to mind the followers of field and stream who are in our midst. Deer hunters usually include Messrs. Moseley, McPherson, Vernon, Wanner, Miller, et al. Most ardent all-around outdoorsman is JIM WRIGHT (POD, CSS Office), who owns "boo-ko equipment and even manufactures and sells fishing gear. Billy Cox and Jim also do considerable Boy Scout work. Commendations are in order to them, as this is a hobby which embraces lots of work, time and sacrifice for a very good cause.

Word hath it that the bowling league at Garland Wheeler's place is going over with great success. You might still get on with a team if you have missed out so far. Regret that we are losing Felton Overbey, one of the League's organizers. "Doc" is going to help Fulton (Round Boy) Ware in the Houston Outport Office. Lots of luck, Felton, even though the golfing duffers are going to have to find another source of supply for used golf balls.

HOW DID THEY DO IT?

JERRY DAVIS: "Rock-wall beat Duncanville fifty-to-nothing!"

ED BART: "How did Duncanville score the nothing?"
